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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
STATIONS AGREEMENT

REF: (A) USNATO 0464, (B) STATE 27089, (C) USNATO 0764

(D) USNATO 0912

1. UK POLAD RAISED WITH US AGAIN FEBRUARY 27 QUESTION OF
SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT.
HE CITED TWO NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH BRITISH THOUGHT MIGHT JUSTIFY
FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION IF CURRENT
NAOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ENDED MARCH 1 WITHOUT REACHING FINAL
DECISION.

2. ONE DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO UK REP, WAS THAT SOVIETS HAVE
SPOKEN IN GENEVA OF PROVIDING TWO OCEAN STATION VESSELS (OSVS),
ONE TO REPLACE STATION CHARLIE, PRESENTLY CONTRIBUTED BY US,
AND ANOTHER LOCATED BETWEEN AND TO REPLACE PRESENT STATIONS ITEM
AND JULIET, NOW PROVIDED BY UK AND NETHERLANDS ON ROTATIONAL
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BASIS.

3. BRITISH THOUGHT SUCH SOVIET OFFER WOULD BE MOST ATTRACTIVE
FINANCIALLY, AND PERHAPS ONLY WAY TO MAINTAIN PRESENT NAOS

METEOROLOGICAL CAPABILITY. ON OTHER HAND, BRITISH WERE TROUBLED BY "PRESENTATIONAL" ASPECTS OF SOVIETS' TAKING SUCH ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING OSVS.

4. OTHER NEW DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO UK REP, WAS UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON REPORT OF SOME CONCERN IN DOD ABOUT PROSPECTIVE SOVIET ROLE IN NAOS AGREEMENT.

5. UK REP SAID HE WAS SPEAKING INITIALLY ONLY TO CERTAIN DELS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A FURTHER POLADS DISCUSSION OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION AND PROSPECTIVE ROLE WOULD BE ADVISABLE (ASSUMING QUESTION WAS NOT SETTLED AT CURRENT CONFERENCE).

6. WE RECOGNIZE US IS WITHDRAWING FROM NAOS AGREEMENT AND SENSE FROM STATE 27089 THAT US MAY BE RELAXED ABOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION. WE DO NOT KNOW US ATTITUDE TOWARD EXTENT OF SOVIET ROLE IN PROVIDING OSVS. IN LIGHT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED BY UK REP, AND RECALLING FRG OPPOSITION TO SOVIET PARTICIPATION (USNATO 0912), WE REQUEST NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER POLADS SHOULD RETURN TO SUBJECT AFTER MARCH 1 AND IF SO, WHAT US POSITION IS ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN NAOS AGREEMENT AND ON SOVIET PROVISION OF OSVS. RUMSFELD

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